

Executive Office for Transportation and Public Works  
Accelerated Bridges Program

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Access and Opportunities Notice

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1. **SUBJECT:** Accelerated Bridges Program:
  - A. WBE/MBE contractor utilizations goals
  - B. Women and Minority contractor labor participation goals
2. **PURPOSE:** To establish (a) the utilization goals for WBE/MBE contractors and (b) the labor participation goals for women and minorities per Section 11 of Chapter 233 of the Acts of 2008, "An Act Financing an Accelerated Structurally-Deficient Bridge Improvement Program." Said goals shall remain in effect until such time as updated and revised by the Secretary of Transportation and Public Works and the Secretary of Administration and Finance, acting jointly.
3. **BACKGROUND:** In May of 2008, the Governor filed legislation to advance the goal of financing an accelerated structurally-deficient bridges program. The goal of the legislation was to accelerate \$3 billion of future investment capacity within the fiscal constraints of the Commonwealth's debt affordability policy to fund at least 250 structurally-deficient bridge rehabilitation and prevention projects over the next eight years, create thousands of jobs, improve the safety and condition of our bridge inventory, and generate \$1.5 billion of savings for the Commonwealth by avoiding construction cost inflation and deferred maintenance costs. Under Section 5 of the Governor's bill, language was included relative to ensuring access and opportunity on the part of women and minority individuals and businesses in all facets of the Program. An Interagency Working Group consisting of staff from the Executive Office of Transportation, the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Executive Office for Administration and Finance was formed to put forward recommendations relative to the objectives of inclusion.
4. **POLICY:** Effective October 1, 2008 and in effect until revised, the following goals will be adopted for the Accelerated Structurally-Deficient Bridges Program:
  - o WBE/MBE Overall 14% utilization goal with a 10% race conscious goal and a 4% race neutral goal;
  - o Women: contractor labor participation goal of 6.9%; and
  - o Minorities: contractor labor participation goal of 15.3%
5. **DISTRIBUTION:** Executive Office for Transportation, Executive Office for Energy and Environmental Affairs including the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Executive Office for Administration and Finance.

6. **EXPIRATION DATE:** This directive shall remain in effect until updated, revised and/or superseded.



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